assigned to a definte competent authorty/agency; if not why not, and if the answer be in the affirmative, who is accountable for the huge overruns and the resulting massive gross losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid down on the Table of the House.

Targets for non-conventional energy generation

57. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the long-term targets of electricity generation from non-conventional sources of energy; and

(b) what are the main projects in which power from non-conventional sources of energy is proposed to be effectively utilised?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Long term targets of electricity generation from non-conventional energy sources have not yet been finalized. However, the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has prepared a perspective plan according to which 15000 MW of electric power by the year 2001 could be installed from non-conventional sources of energy provided adequate financial allocations are given to this sector.

(b) The projects in which power from non-conventional sources of energy is envisaged to be generated are Biomass, Wind Energy, Solar Thermal, Photovoltaic, Small Hydro Plants, Sewage sludge, and Municipal solid waste.

Possible increase in the prices of Essential Drugs

58. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate of the possible increase in the prices of essential drugs as a result of the higher markup allowed for categories I and II drugs; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated increase in the prices of categories I and II drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) As a result of changes in the rates of maximum allowable Post Manufacturing Expenses (MAPE) in the new Categories I and II drugs, price increases in some drugs may take place. In cases of some other drugs, reduction in the prices are also expected.

New Drug Price Control Order

59. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue the new Drug (Prices Control) Order; and

(b) if so, by when the new prices will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) New Prices will come into force as soon as they are announced as per the New Drugs (Prices Control) Order.